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Initiated into Gamma Beta Chapter 2003, Alumni Secretary 2008-11. Southeastern District Committee, 2008-12. Member, Leadership Development Committee, 2008-10. Chair, Leadership Development Committee, 2010-12. Southeastern District Counselor, 2012-22. District Counselor Chair, 2018-20. Grand Master of Ceremonies, 2022-Present. Attended 49th – 56th Biennial Conclaves.

Statement and Goals – I'd first like to thank the Grand Chapter for the honor and privilege of serving on the Supreme Council this biennium. As one of three new members to the Supreme Council, I anticipated a steep learning curve for this biennium. Having previously collaborated with the other members of council as District Counselors, I was confident that we were up to the task. Reflecting on the biennium, I am unequivocally confident that we have consistently striven to ensure the growth and longevity of our Fraternity.

As the safekeeper of our ritual, it has been my responsibility to ensure that the guidance we provide to chapters is not only faithful to our history and our traditions, but consistent with the expectations of fraternal law and campus policies. To do this required some changes be made without waiting for the decennial ritual review due in 2028. I was able to work with the Ritual Committee and Safety Committee to ensure that we provide guidelines that keep our brothers safe and ensure compliance with their local and institutional regulations while maintaining the meaning and essence of the ritual that binds us all together.

The GMC is also responsible for directing the education of our new members and I was pleased to work with PR Lib Morgan to update our fraternity canon. The canon serves as the curriculum for chapters to use in preparing their pledges for brotherhood. Many chapters were unaware of this document and were just using tradition to guide their pledge activities. Not only did we clarify the philosophy of the pledging process, but we worked on ensuring that the topics discussed helped our newest members to gain an understanding of the lifelong nature of our order.

If I am elected as Grand Collegiate Alchemist, I have several things I would like to achieve during the forthcoming biennium. First, I'd like to continue the work that GCA Pickett and GHCO Cole have done in developing the conduct process at both the chapter and national levels. As with the implementation of any new process, there have been many lessons that we've learned, and I hope these will put us in a position to help chapters to grow from challenging circumstances.

Over my years in the fraternity, it's not been uncommon to see chapters that seem to exist just for their pledge process, spending all their energy growing in numbers and size. Sometimes these chapters are struggling to survive, but sometimes they've failed to leave that subsistence mindset behind after a challenging period. My hope is to work with those groups to find new ways to serve their campus and community and to do so in a way that promotes an interest in the chemical sciences. It's very important to grow chapters *both* in quantity of members and quality of experience.

Lastly, I hope to use this biennium to help the collegiate branch build a better understanding that Alpha Chi Sigma is not something they 'were' a member of or that they 'did' in college. Our

fraternity is lifelong and there are many opportunities to stay connected well beyond the academic world. While the work to increase the breadth of professional opportunities continues, without new graduates joining our professional branch, it's hard to make new ideas happen. My life has been immeasurably improved by my time in the professional branch and I hope to give others the same experience.

In closing, I thank the Nominating Committee for the opportunity to run for this position. I hope that my work this biennium has served our Fraternity well and I hope that the brotherhood will see fit to give me the opportunity to continue that work. I'm proud of what our members have achieved this biennium and I'm excited to see what the future holds.